

OAKVILLE TRAFALGAR HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
(Thursday October 11, 2018) 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. 7:00 – Call to order– **Rob Best**
 - a. Approval of minutes of last meeting held September 20, 2018
 - b. Approve adoption of agenda
 - c. Any new business
2. 7:05 – RDC update – **Hunter MacKinnon**
3. 7:10 – Halton Learning Foundation – Guest speaker-**Lesley Mansfield**
4. 7:20 – Nominations for 2018/2019 elected positions - **Meena Sahi**
5. 7:30 - Community Connections / PIC Update – **Anette Winslow**
6. 7:40 – Principal Updates – **Meena Sahi**
7. 7:55 – Financial updates –**Rob Best**
8. 8:00 – Motion to Adjourn

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING Thursday November 8, 2018 7:00 pm

Minutes from October 11, 2018 School Council

Attendees: Rob Best, Cindy Finley, Gertrude Vanderpol-Lim, Caroline Adams Hill, Anette Winslow, Kim Swinoga, Rosalind Ward-Smith, Uzma Turan, Shohreh Bhatti, Evelyn Uvakov, Roberta Veitch, Ann Harvey Hope, Margaret Finlay-Watzeck

Call to Order - Rob Best

Approval of minutes of last meeting held Sept 20, 2018
Approved: Roberta Veitch
Seconded: Gertrude Vandepol

RDC update – Hunter MacKinnon

- Sept fall fair cancelled
- Grade 9 nomination/election complete
- Octoberfest Thursday prior to Halloween with costume day/Red Devil's day
- Coffee house planning continues
- Senior Semi Formal moved to Nov 28th at La dome

Ann Harvey Hope raised point around public **transit** and requested a couple of students to start conversation about difficulties in transit to and from school.

Halton Learning Foundation – Guest speaker-Lesley Mansfield

- Lesley has been with HLF for 4.5 years
- The **Halton Learning Foundation** (HLF) is a registered charity that collaborates with the Halton District School Board to assist students and support school programs..
- HLF partners with individuals, corporations and community foundations to eliminate financial barriers to education for public school students in Acton, Burlington, Georgetown, Milton and Oakville. The foundation provide assistance through emergency funds for students-in-need, post-secondary scholarships, and engagement funds to help schools purchase tools and resources to engage students in learning.
- 15th Benefit bash is being held on Thursday Nov 1, 2018 at the Oakville Conference Centre.
- If you are interested, reserve online at www.haltonlearningfoundation.ca or email pollocksa@hdsb.ca
- All they require are the names ahead of time.
- Price and details are on the website.

Nominations for 2018/2019 elected positions - Meena Sahi

- One person submitted self-nomination form for the chair position and no one submitted for treasurer or secretary positions.
- Rob Best submitted for chair position.
- **Chair position:**
- Rob was voted in by school council and motion passed by Anette Winslow and seconded by Roberta Veitch.
- **Secretary position:**
- Roberta Veitch put her name forward for this position. Roberta was voted in by school council and motion passed by Rob Best and seconded by Anette Winslow.
- **Treasurer position:**
- Shohreh Bhatti put her name forward for this position. Shohreh was voted in by school council and motion passed by Roberta Veitch and seconded by Uzma Turan.
- **Congratulations to all executive members and thank you for supporting the school and the kids by being a member on OT School Council.**

Request to add an action item for November meeting by Ann Harvey Hope around the appointment of a Council Community position on the council. Ann is not running for re-election as a Trustee for Ward 3/6 however would like to continue on with OT's School Council. A vote will be held at the Nov 8th meeting.

Community Connections / PIC Update – Anette Winslow

- Welcome coffee was held Oct 4th and around 55 people attended. This was targeted for new members to the community.
- COBS Bread Bakery donated refreshments and baked goods
- Night with Guidance was held on Oct 2nd and approximately 350 people attended.
- Pro-Grant still pending to be confirmed.
- Next event will be on Nov 6th where Guest speaker Chris Vollum will talk about Social Media and Navigating the Online World. An email will come out closer to this event for registration through Eventbrite.

Principal Updates – Meena Sahi

Facilities Updates

- Track is complete
- Bleachers are being replaced
- Tree and shrub clearing is scheduled for the next few weeks
- Counters are replaced in all art rooms and the dark room
- Projects for this year and next year will include work on our library

IT Infusion

- approximately \$25,000
- completing a needs assessment before we order replacement equipment
- will replace end of life items first

Parking Lot

- Jodie has ordered cones and vests
- Will send messaging out to parents about peak periods
- Will solicit volunteers
- Cement barriers/pillars are not physically reasonable

School Council Input for Principal Placement

- All school councils need to complete a principal profile in conjunction with the current principal to outline the parent feedback about the needs of the school when considering administration changes.
- Each school completes this form each year although it does not indicate that new administration is being considered. I will work with the new chair to complete this form and come up with a method to gather parent feedback.

Action: Rob Best will circulate form to executive members and other council members for input.

Honor Roll and 90% Term Letters

- Will be in the midterm report cards

- Andrea and Andrew have been working on a data extraction method to generate letters.

September and October Activities

- October 5 PD day – BMS (Behaviour Management System) training. Learning Lounges (everything GOOGLE, Applied Learning Strategies, Supporting ELL, assessment/evaluation for Final 30
- Take Our Kids To Work - November 14 - all 9's out of school
- 5th Week reports will be emailed home this week – all grade 9's and below 60% or of concern cases in grades 10-12
- Andy Tibadeau – motivational speaker and Relay for Life kick off

Discussion took place around Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

- More details can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/othscoursecalendar/oths-programs/specialist-high-skills-major>
- Also [https://www.hdsb.ca/learning-and-resources/Pages/Secondary%20Education%20and%20Pathways/Specialist-High-Skills-Major-\(SHSM\).aspx](https://www.hdsb.ca/learning-and-resources/Pages/Secondary%20Education%20and%20Pathways/Specialist-High-Skills-Major-(SHSM).aspx)
- And <http://www.haltonpathways.ca/pathway-programs/shsm>
- OT currently offers SHSM programs in Business and Health and Wellness.
- Two new SHSM programs in Manufacturing and Information and Communications Technology.
- For a full list of programs from the Ontario Ministry of Education, visit <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/morestudentsuccess/SHSMcomplete.html>
- At OT, for the two new programs, any grade 11 student in courses already that make up the SHSM will be contacted with more information as to what is required to complete the requirements.

Financial Updates - Rob Best (see attached financial summary)

- Budget was discussed

Balance: \$5,699.35

PIC Grant budget: \$0

PRO grand: \$957.97

Not yet deposited - \$7,385.00



school Budget Sept
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Motion to Adjourn 8:18pm - Rob Best
Approved: Margaret Finlay-Watzeck
Seconded: Anette Winslow